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TO : Mr. Dulles

DATE: 31 January 1957

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FROM : Mr.

SUBJECT: Attached Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting

1. This resume has been drafted from information furnished by Mr. Staats.

2. The discussion concerning NSC 86/1, etc., concluded without formal action but with general agreement that (a) a new policy is urgently needed, (b) that future machinery coordination of refugee activities should be decided after the policy is decided, but that (c) meanwhile, as the Voorhees activity phases out, its work should be taken over by the OCB/IEC Committee. State agreed to expedite its draft of the policy paper.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 30 January 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Hoover, Mr. Herter, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Cutler, Mr. Hollister, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Staats

1. Chemical Warfare Speech

A draft of a proposed speech by General Creasy concerning chemical warfare developments was reviewed. While the Board will not specifically approve or disapprove such a speech, Mr. Gray was advised that the draft submitted would, in the opinion of the Board, be harmful to foreign climate of opinion.

2. Mr. Larson's Cabinet Briefing

Mr. Larson's briefing of the Cabinet concerning the USIA program and the proposed establishment of "points of contact" in other departments to assist USIA to become informed in advance of actions, speeches, etc., was discussed. It was pointed out that there was no formal Cabinet action on this matter, no intention to duplicate or short circuit OCB coordinating machinery and that discussion will be undertaken between State and USIA to undertake establishment of machinery adequate to meet USIA needs.

3. Operation Free Enterprise

DCI commented, and others agreed, that there was need for a fuller report of the success of Mr. Rowland's activities before acting upon the suggestion for the appointment of a replacement for him. It was decided to invite Assistant Secretary McClellan and Mr. Rowland to the next meeting for the purpose of a fuller report.

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4. Military Assistance to Burma

It has been decided that General Erskine will depart for Burma late in February. Meanwhile, the working group for Southeast Asia will confer with General Erskine concerning the terms of reference for his mission.

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6. Tito Visit

Mr. Washburn said that USIA badly needed information and guidance on the question of the Tito visit and it was agreed that he should consult with Mr. Murphy, who has the complete story.

7. Information Activities Regarding the Middle East

Mr. Hoover proposed that the Berry Committee be reorganized, its terms of reference enlarged to cover a full range of topics, the Frazer Wilkins group be merged with it, the level of agency representation be reviewed and subcommittees be created, where necessary, to deal with specific subjects. The matter was referred to the Board Assistants for more detailed implementation.

8. Hungarian Refugee Problems

There was brief discussion of Hungarian refugee problems and the need for review of policy. (This subject was more fully covered in the regular meeting and will be covered in the minutes.)

9. Publicity Concerning OCB

Mr. Staats announced that an article by Cabell Phillips concerning OCB will appear shortly in the New York Times. Mr. Hoover advised that another article concerning OCB by Mr. Osborne will appear in Fortune.

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10. 1290-d Report by Mr. Hollister

There was preliminary discussion of Mr. Hollister's 1290-d report to develop an agreed position as to the action on this report. The decision was announced at the time of the fuller discussion of 1290-d at the regular meeting and will appear in the minutes.

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Director

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